

Vision Funding
Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2000
State EMS Authority
1930 9th Street
Sacramento, California
10:00am - 3:00pm

I. Introduction

Members Present: Susan French, David Nevins, Tim Sturgill, Michael Frenn, Art Lathrop, Steve Maiero.

Non-Members Present: Miranda Swanson, Rosalyn Cope, Mercia Brandon.

After a brief review of the agenda, it was accepted.

II. Business Items

- Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule Ramifications

Summary:

It was suggested that other funding sources be examined.

- Suggestions: the County EMS Fund (Prop 99).
- Change the law to add "EMS Services."

- Letter for the Commission to the Appointing Bodies

Summary:

- Needs appropriate legal matter at the top and bottom of the letter.
- "Four year phasing period" is actually three years.
- The purpose of the letter is to get the objection on record.
- Numerous changes were made to the language of the letter defining the audience and ramifications of the fee schedule.
- The EMS Authority will do an investigation to determine the best way to deliver the letter.

- Vision Conference, November 2000

Summary:

- It was suggested to use "The EMS Funding Crisis in California" document in the presentation. The schedule of events will be: summarize and prioritize objectives, present themes, and then discuss.
- Review of the objectives for the Conference
 1. Difficult to respond to at this point.
 5. Probably closable.
 6. Accomplished successfully.
 7. Funding through government, subset of first objective.
 9. Being dealt with currently by another entity.
 10. Subset of seventh objective.

- It was suggested that positions/recommendations be developed for all of the objectives, which would solicit the information on which the group should focus.
 - It was also requested that the comment sheet with the objective positions be sent out with the initial packet so that everyone can have them filled out before the Conference.
- Meeting Review:
 - The letter for the commission to the appointing bodies will go to Miranda, to Ron Blaul and commissioners with comments and suggestions, and then sent out by Friday.
- Next Meeting:
 - There will be no meeting until the Conference.